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N1. E-way bill system changes confusing, say transporters

The Hindu-Jan. 03 , 2019

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The government's decision to make some changes to the e-way bill system effective November 16, 2018, has not gone down well with transporters, who claim that it has not been communicated properly and has led to 'complete confusion'.

Transit delay

"When A sells a material to B, he raises an invoice and subsequently prepares an e-way bill. While on transit, if the vehicle breaks down or is delayed for some reason, then the original e-way bill expires. In the new system, there is no option for the transporter to move the material. System has been blocked [if you want to] raise another e-way bill with the same invoice details. This has led to complete confusion among transporters," said Abhishek Gupta, chairman, legal & GST committee, Bombay Goods Transport Association (BGTA).

With changes made by the National Informatics Centre which is handling the e-way bill project, the system has been formatted in such a way that if the consignor has generated one e-way bill on a particular invoice, then none will be allowed to generate one more e-way bill on the same invoice number.

If the transporter or consignee has generated one e-way bill on the consignor's invoice and if any other party tries to generate the e-way bill, the system will alert about the existence of an e-way bill for that invoice.

Mr. Gupta alleged that penalties for mistakes on tax paid material was mounting and tax officials were concerned only about meeting their targets. "At this rate, transportation business is becoming unviable," Mr. Gupta said.

"Instead of making the process easier, new rules have made it more complicated. As I maintained earlier, if the sole purpose of the e-way bill is to stop GST evasion, it is rather much more effective to put stringent, robust and expedited compliance mechanisms in place," said Rohit Chaturvedi, founder & CEO, TransportHub.

News Source : https://www.thehindu.com/business/e-way-bill-system-changes-confusing-say-transporters/article25902879.ece

N1. Welfare scheme PMUY increases benefit scope to the poor
Eastern Mirror-Jan. 04 , 2019

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Dimapur, Jan. 3 (EMN): The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), a social welfare scheme of the ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, has been announced to have been 'extended' further to 'Extended Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana-2' (EPMUY). The extension is to reach out to entire poor households in the country.
The announcement about the scheme was made at a press conference, where details about the PMUY—revised scheme in the state of Nagaland—were given. It was conducted on Thur. Jan. 3 at the Europa Inn in Dimapur by the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. on behalf of all oil marketing companies in Nagaland, led by state coordinator, Ngahorning Kashung.
The PMUY was initially launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 1 2016 in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh. In Nagaland, it was launched on May 31 2017.

The scheme envisages that providing liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) connections to women from the below poverty line households will ensure 'universal access of clean cooking fuel for all' in the country. It aims at empowering women besides protecting their health; and to adding to efforts toward making the country smoke-free.

According to Kashung, the PMUY initially aimed to cover the 'socio economic cast census (SECC) 2011' households. The scheme was subsequently extended to EPMUY, covering seven types of households which includes the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin beneficiaries; schedule tribes/schedule cast; 'most backward castes'; Antyodaya Anna Yojana beneficiaries; forest dwellers, river island and island dwellers; and 'tea and ex-tea garden tribe.'

The government extended the LPG connection scheme to all poor households in India as part of the EPMUY 2. Kashung explained that the beneficiaries would get LPG cylinders. A security deposit for the cylinder along with a hose pipe and administrative charge will be free. "But the consumer should to pay for the gas stove which cost INR 990 and for the LPG that is inside the cylinder. These two components come to around INR 1700 approximately," he said. He explained that the

beneficiary can apply for a loan to recover the money that was paid. Loan recovery will commence after the sixth refill, whereby the beneficiary can recover the INR 1700.

Further, Kashung said that forms shall be available with the respective gaon burah or gas distributor; there are 56 distributors in the state. The consumer is then to submit the form to the local gas distributors along with these documents: priority household ration card, supplementary PMUY know your customer (KYC) documents; a photocopy of a bank passbook, and Aadhaar card.

The data of the person contained in the KYC form will be entered in the **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** database. Kashung cautioned that the beneficiaries can avail connection only if the **NIC** data shows that the person does not have a connection. It will be rejected if the person already has a connection.

News Source : http://www.easternmirrornagaland.com/welfare-scheme-pmuy-increases-benefit-scope-to-the-poor/

N3. Punjab to start free smartphone distribution to youth by March
Times of India-02-Jan-2019

... of Project Management Consultant for conceptualising the scheme from the *National Informatics Centre* Services Incorporated (NICSI) empaneled consulting ..

Chandigarh: The cash-strapped Punjab government on Wednesday finalised the modalities for distribution of free smartphones to the youth, as promised in its poll manifesto. The first batch of smartphones is likely to be distributed in March.
In the first phase of the scheme, the cabinet decided to distribute smartphones to graduating students of government schools, colleges and technical institutions. However, to avail the gadget, students will have to submit a self-certification stating that they do not own any smartphone. The cabinet also gave a go ahead to provide one time 12 GB data and 600 local minutes voice talk time free with one-year validity to the beneficiaries of these smartphones.

For the implementation of the scheme, open transparent bidding process would be held to selected a vendor. The Punjab Information and Communication Technology Corporation has already floated the tender and a vendor would be finalized by February end. The cabinet also authorized the chief minister to finalize the name of the scheme, besides authorising the committee chairman to procure and distribute smartphones besides making changes in the Request For Proposal (RFP), as may be required in future.

In the run up to the 2017 assembly elections, the Congress in its manifesto had promised to distribute free smart mobile phones to around 50 lakh youths. After the party came to power in March 2017, the number of targeted beneficiaries was reduced to three lakh, owing to the poor financial condition of the state. The government had announced 'Mobile Phone to the Youth' scheme in its budget for 2017-18 to give impetus to its digital empowerment agenda. The scheme provides for distribution of mobile phones with various smart features, such as touch screen, camera and applications to access social media.

Earlier, Punjab Infotech had invited open bids for selection of Project Management Consultant for conceptualising the scheme from the National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI) empaneled consulting organisations. The state government found the most responsive bid from the service provider company, KPMG, which was selected at a cost of Rs 72.19 lakhs for the project's duration.

IN THE MANIFESTO

The Congress manifesto for assembly polls read, "In order to encourage and incentivize youth to use digital technology in day-to-day life, the Congress government will give free smart mobile phones to the youth. This will enable them, among other things, to be a beneficiary and a partner in efforts to digitize Punjab through the Punjab Online Project."

> Congress had promised to give 50 lakh smartphones to youth. The scheme may cost Rs 2,000 crore to the state as over 21 lakh youth are believed to have registered for free smartphones.

News Source : https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/punjab-to-start-free-smartphone-distribution-to-youth-by-march/articleshow/67356907.cms

M1. Personal Data Protection Bill only after new government takes over
Economic Times-Jan 04 , 2019

The ministry of *electronics and IT* (MeitY) has sent the draft of the Bill to the law ministry for vetting after making a few changes, according to the official. The law ...

M2. Government's proposal to amend IT rules 'blunt and disproportionate ...
Financial Express- Jan 03 , 2019

"MeitY's (Ministry of *Electronics and Information Technology*) proposals turn online companies into censors and undermine encryption," Mozilla said in a ...

M3. Centre considering amendments in IT Act, 2000? Here's what it says in ...
Financial Express- Jan 03 , 2019

Chandrashekhar had written a letter to Union Minister *Ravi Shankar Prasad* urging for his intervention to curb the growing digital sexual abuse of children and ...

M4. Mozilla red flags changes in IT Act
Deccan Chronicle- Jan 04 , 2019
... security and contradicts the principles of data minimisation, endorsed in *Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's* draft data protection bill," it said.

CS1. Time for another step forward, says PM
The Tribune- Jan 04 , 2019

Adding the adage "Jai Anusandhan" to former *Indian* Prime Minister Lal ... Modi said *cyber security* system in the country also needed to be devised so that the ...

CS2. Cyber Researcher Pulls Public Talk on Hacking Apple's Face ID
NDTV- Jan 04 , 2019

A *cyber-security* researcher cancelled a hacking conference briefing on how he said he could crack biometric facial recognition on Apple iPhones, at the request ...

CS3. Hackers use fake wax hand to fool vein security system
Economic Times – Jan. 04 , 2019

Hackers have managed to fool a vein authentication system using a fake wax hand. The system is a biometric security method that scans the veins in your hand, and is currently used for a range of applications, including credit card authentication.

O1. No mobile connectivity in 11K Odisha villages
Daily Pioneer- Jan 04 , 2019

Unless the *Ministry of Communications* (MoC) improves data capacity of these mobile towers, purpose of setting up of all these 794 mobile towers in the Maoist ...

O2. India-UK FutureTech Festival
Economic Times- Jan 04 , 2019

... Additional Secretary, *Ministry of Communications* (India), Telecom Department; Elizabeth Denham, UK Information Commissioner; K Ananth Krishnan, CTO, ...

O3. *TRAI* tariff order: Supreme Court respite for broadcasters
The Hindu BusinessLine-- Jan 03 , 2019

With a petition of the *Telecom Regulatory Authority of India* (*TRAI*) seeking clarity on the 15 per cent bouquet discount cap getting " dismissed as withdrawn" in ...

O4. DoT plans to set-up network of telecom satellites
The Hindu Businessline – Jan. 03 , 2019

"DoT is working to set-up network of low earth orbit (LEO) satellite and medium earth orbit (MEO) satellite for telecom services. The entire expenses will be borne by the telecom ministry. Discussion in this regard has already started with Department of Space,

O5. How To Get Digital Signature Certificate?
https://blog.ziploan.in/digital-signature-certificate/ - Jan. 03 , 2019

A Digital Signature Certificate is issued by the certifying authorities in India for the purpose of verifying and authenticating the identity of the individual holding the

certificate. DSC is a secured digital key. A digital signature is required while filing income tax, e-tenders, company filings, etc.